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SUBJ: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ADOPTS RESOLUTION ON REUNIFICA-
TION OF FAMILIES PURSUANT TO FINAL ACT OF HELSINKI

1. FOLLOWING IS RESOLUTION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED BY THE
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT JANUARY 18 REGARDING THE REUNIFICATION
OF FAMILIES PURSUANT TO THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT. REMARKS
BY PARLIAMENTARIANS ON THE RESOLUTION EMPHASIZED THE
NEED FOR OBSERVANCE OF ALL THE OBLIGATIONS UNDERTAKEN IN
SUBSCRIBING TO THE FINAL ACT.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

--NOTING THAT, IN THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE, THE SIGNATORY STATES
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INCLUDED IN THE 'DECLARATION ON PRINCIPLES GUIDING RE-
LATIONS BETWEEN PARTICIPATING STATES' THE 'RESPECT FOR
HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS, INCLUDING THE
FREEDOM OF THOUGHT, CONSCIENCE, RELIGION OR BELIEF';

--NOTING THAT THE SIGNATORY STATES ENTERED INTO PRECISE
COMMITMENTS, WITH RESPECT TO COOPERATION IN HUMANITARIAN

AND OTHER FIELDS, TO ENCOURAGE CONTACTS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND MORE PARTICULARLY 'CONTACTS AND REGULAR MEETINGS ON THE BASIS OF FAMILY TIES', THE 'REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES', 'MARRIAGES BETWEEN CITIZENS OF DIFFERENT STATES' AND 'TRAVEL FOR PERSONAL OR PROFESSIONAL REASONS';

--HAVING REGARD TO THE INCREASING NUMBER OF APPEALS ADDRESSED TO THE COMMUNITY BODIES SEEKING SUPPORT FOR EFFORTS TO GAIN RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF CITIZENS OF EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN THIS MATTER;

--HAVING REGARD TO THE POLITICAL ROLE WHICH THE COMMUNITY CAN AND MUST PLAY AND TO ITS DUTY NOT TO DISAPPOINT THE EXPECTATIONS OF THOSE FROM WHOM IT HAS RECEIVED APPEALS;

--RECALLING ITS RESOLUTIONS OF 11 MAY 1977 ON THE PROTECTION AND DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND ON THE PREPARATORY MEETING OF 15 JUNE 1977 IN BELGRADE AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE;

--HAVING REGARD TO THE REPORT OF THE POLITICAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE:

1. CALLS UPON THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY
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AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES TO JOINTLY TAKE ALL POSSIBLE STEPS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE BY THE SIGNATORY STATES WITH ALL THEIR OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FINAL ACT OF THE HELSINKI CONFERENCE, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES;

2. INSTRUCTS ITS PRESIDENT TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE COMMUNITY MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION, THE COUNCIL AND THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE MEMBER STATES. END TEXT. HINTON

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